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In response to the Office Action mailed December 9, 2004, Applicant respectfully elects the species identified in FIGS. 14-16B and claims 1, 4-9, 11, and 14-18 that read on this species.

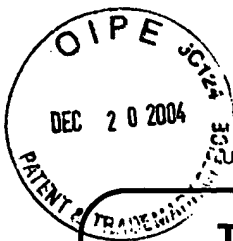
Applicant further submits that independent claims 1 and 11 are generic to at least FIGS. 14-17. Applicant therefore submits that all of claims 1-19 should be examined and that the species that are generic to independent claims 1 and 11 should be considered.

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Respectfully submitted,

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